

App. No. 10/772,715

Final Office Action Dated November 18, 2005

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. As suggested by the Examiner, the first line of the specification is amended by updating the priority information from when the instant application was filed on February 5, 2004. Claims 18 and 19 are amended to correct formal issues only. No new matter has been added. Claims 18-19 are pending.

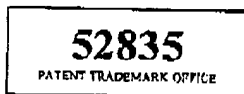
Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection to the extent it is maintained.

Claims 18 and 19 have been amended substantially as proposed in the Examiner's Comment provided in the instant Office Action. Applicants, however, have made minor editorial revisions to the Examiner's suggestions with respect to form. Furthermore, Applicants' respectfully call to the Examiner's attention that claims 18 and 19 have been revised to correct typographical errors from the Examiner's proposed amendments. Particularly noted is that the proposed term "increased" in line 10 of both claims 18 and 19 has been revised to "decrease" so as to properly reflect the method step previously presented. Lastly, the proposed term "with in" also in line 10 of claims 18 and 19 has been revised to "within." For the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are definite.

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that the pending claims are allowable. Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas P. Mueller".

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